

**METHOD OF AUTOMATICALLY EVALUATING IMAGES
BEING PROCESSED IN A PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 Images being processed in a photographic laboratory
2 system into different forms of output are automatically
3 evaluated to determine for each image whether it is of
4 sufficient quality to merit processing into a selected form of
5 output. The evaluation of each image includes the following
6 steps:

- 7 - determining a grade value for each of one or more
- 8 characteristic properties of the image,
- 9 - assigning a target value to each of the characteristic
- 10 image properties relative to each available form of output,
- 11 - comparing the grade value to the target value for a
- 12 selected form of output.

(Fig. 1)